(c) the outcome of such a survey, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The sources of receips of Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) engaged in development work of the country vary from organisation to organisation. These may be either from the central or state government department, foreign donor agencies, philanthropists or from the community itself. The departments and agencies funding and monitoring the activities of NPOs engaged in development work have been known to get the work of NPOs examined, analysed and evaluated from time to time. However, Government is aware of a survey on activities of NPOs in a broad sense in the country, conducted by PRIA (Society for Participatory Research in Asia), a Delhi based Non-Government Organisation (NGO).

Upgradation of Trichy-Rameshwaram highway in Tamil Nadu

3687. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from Tamil Nadu to upgrade the State Highway from Trichy to Rameshwaram via Pudukottai, Thirumayam, Thondi, etc., into National Highway; and

(b) if so, by when it would be approved by the Central Government along with the financial allocation for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) All proposals for conversion of State roads into National Highways have been returned to the respective State Governments including those of Tamil Nadu. Presently there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may, however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways into National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan on the basis of the revised guidelines, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.